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## ABSTRACT:

Disclosed is a method of stimulating cartilage growth, repair or regeneration at a site in a subject in need of such growth, repair or regeneration. The method comprises the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of an agonist of the non-proteolytically activated thrombin receptor to the site.

Also disclosed is a method of stimulating the proliferation and expansion of chondrocytes in vitro. The method comprises culturing chondrocytes in the presence of a stimulating amount of an NPAR agonist.

## GOVT-INTEREST: